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1. (C) This is a response to Ref A request for an update on the implementation of regulations to allow armed security teams to transit Oman in order to embark or disembark vessels at the Port of Salalah (Ref B). Based on information provided to us by Inchcape Shipping Service (ISS), the only current facilitator of transit, about 15 security teams are transiting to or from the Port of Salalah each month. However, although allowed by law to do so, thus far none of the teams have been armed with lethal weapons.

2. (U) The point of contact to transit Oman is:

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